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## Costigan's

### Sorry Tale.

Exacted From Sir Charles Tupper a Pledge to Push Remedial Legislation.

But Now Has Flopped to the Successful Opponents of That Policy.

His Mission in Public Life to Get All Possible for Men of His Religion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 26.—Hon. John Costigan made his promised statement this afternoon. He observed that the Toronto Telegram and Mail and Empire had attributed selfish motives for his change of party allegiance, and the Telegram had even added cartoons, which were an unfair attack by Mr. Robertson, M. P., the proprietor. Mr. Costigan could not retaliate, as no picture could be made of the member for Toronto East that would not be flattering. (Laughter.) The Mail had gone further and charged that on a certain occasion, when Sir John Macdonald was hard pressed by a revolt of Quebec members, Mr. Costigan took advantage of the occasion to resign, and that as soon as the Quebec difficulty was settled Mr. Costigan came back. All the defense he would offer was contained in the reply of Sir John Macdonald to Mr. Blake, to the effect that Mr. Costigan's retirement was for private reasons, and had been withdrawn at Sir John's request.

Mr. Costigan read the statement made by Sir Charles Tupper to the press after he had announced his withdrawal of support. He had been surprised at these remarks, and thought them unworthy the dignity of the gentleman who was accidentally and temporarily leader of the party. Mr. Costigan said his change of attitude toward the Conservative leaders began with the time Sir Charles Tupper left England to become leader. Sir Charles' coming was the downfall of honest government, and of the leadership of an honest leader, Bowell. When the story of that transaction was written it would appear to be the darkest page in the history of this country. The day Mr. Costigan changed his allegiance was the day when the seven men walked out of the Bowell cabinet. "But," he said, "I might be asked why I went in to Sir Charles Tupper's cabinet with these men." He would say that he did it reluctantly. Tupper offered him a place in the cabinet, and he realized in writing, getting forth the conditions on which he accepted. This letter he read. It set forth that Mr. Costigan had entered Sir John Macdonald's ministry as a representative of the Irish Catholics, and had labored hard, as far as he could in the interests of that class. He had to make the humiliating confession that his labors in that interest had failed. He was not anxious to continue the struggle, but in view of the interest the government was taking in the remedial bill, and of the fact that this policy was to be maintained, Mr. Costigan would consent to assist Sir Charles Tupper. Proceeding, Mr. Costigan said that he took office and served loyally under Tupper. Attacks had been made upon him since, "I am a man of peace," he concluded, "but not of peace at any price. From this out, if any man strikes me, if he does not get blow for blow, it will be because old Costigan is getting too old." Mr. Costigan closed by saying he had not fired his last shot, nor struck his last blow.

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A Political Freak.

Sir Charles Tupper said he deeply regretted the course taken by his former colleague, not so much on his (Tupper's) account or on account of the Liberal-Conservative party, as on account of Costigan himself. No one had ever before seen a privy councillor voting against his party on important motions without a word of explanation. As to want of courtesy, it seemed to Tupper that this had been shown by Mr. Costigan. It was a remarkable statement for a man who for fourteen years had held office, that he should declare he was under no obligation toward the Conservative party. Matters now under investigation made more clear the reasons for this announcement, in which Mr. Costigan had given no plausible reason for his change of attitude. He must have had confidence in Sir Charles when he took office under him. The difficulties to which Mr. Costigan ascribed his alienation took place before Mr. Costigan wrote his letter accepting Sir Charles as leader, and the fact that Mr. Costigan was in this letter obliged to make a confession that he had accomplished nothing for his friends was no reason for his present course. Sir Charles had not enjoyed many opportunities to assist Mr. Costigan in his mission, but he had recommended the appointment of the first Catholic ever appointed to the bench in Nova Scotia and the first ever appointed governor of his native province. Not until the Conservatives lost power was the want of sympathy shown by Mr. Costigan. He would not say much about the matters which led Mr. Costigan to his present course. The country might be trusted to understand and place value on them.

Not Like an Irishman.

Mr. Ross Robertson dealt briefly with Mr. Costigan's reference to him and his paper. He was an admirer of the Irish race and therefore would strive to forget that Mr. Costigan had even been an Irish leader. He was lacking in the quality of the Irish people, that of faithfulness. He hoped the member for Victoria would live long but ventured to say that when he died his epitaph would be, "Here lies a Conservative who was faithful to the Conservative party so long as it was on a dividend paying basis."

The subject then dropped.

Discussion on the Drummond County railway matter was continued by McLenahan, Tupper and Fielding. The resolution was adopted and the house adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

## SECOND MATE'S FATAL FALL.

### Gaught by Tail Rope of Ballast Tub and Dropped Into Hold.

Special to the Colonist.

Nanaimo, May 26.—Albert Smith, second officer of the Hawaiian ship Willscott, discharging ballast at the New Vancouver Coal Company's docks, became entangled in the tail rope of a ballast tub, while hoisting ballast yesterday, and was carried to the main deck where he lost his hold and fell headlong down the hatch striking his head on the keelson and completely crushing the skull. The unfortunate officer was taken to the hospital where he expired last night. Smith was a native of Chicago and shipped from San Francisco six weeks ago.

MIR. COSTIGAN'S SON.

Unappreciated Consideration for His Father Kept His Delinquencies Out of Parliament.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 26.—W. J. Christie, ex-deputy collector of inland revenue at Winnipeg, was examined before the public accounts committee this morning. He detailed the shortcomings of H. A. Costigan while collector at Winnipeg, his absence from duty at times, and the use of several amounts of revenue, all of which, however, he repaid. It appeared also that upon his dismissal from the service in 1897 Mr. Christie requested Sir Hilbert Tupper to bring his case before parliament, but that Sir Hilbert while sympathizing with him declined to take the matter up as it concerned the son of an old colleague.

STOLE FROM A CHARITY.

High Saxon Official Held for Appropriating Two Hundred Thousand Marks.

Dresden, Saxony, May 26.—Herr Hopffe, treasurer of the Albert Society, has been arrested on the charge of misappropriating 200,000 marks of the society's fund. The Albert Verein is a charitable organization, under the patronage of the Queen of Saxony.

THE PLAGUE IN EGYPT.

Alexandria, Egypt, May 26.—Four more cases of the plague have been reported here.

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## Machinery

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One Inspector Not Enough to Ensure Safety in Metalliferous Mines.

Jury Find That Defective Construction Caused War Eagle Accident.

By Associated Press.

Roseland, May 26.—In the War Eagle disaster inquest the jury returned a verdict at 9:30 last evening as follows:

First—We find that the deceased came to their death by the skip falling to the bottom of the shaft, which was caused by the slipping of a bolt out of its position, and that the machinery in question was defective inasmuch as safety pins should have been inserted in all the bolts to protect the nuts of said bolts.

Second—In view of the fact that certain defects took place previous to the present accident we are of the opinion that men should not have been permitted to ride on the skips until such time as the machinery was perfected beyond a reasonable doubt.

Third—We are also of the opinion that a daily report should be made by the engineer in chief as to the working of the machinery and that this rule should be strictly enforced.

Fourth—We would also strongly recommend that a certified mechanical and electrical engineer should be appointed to examine all mining machinery in operation.

Fifth—We would further recommend that the government should appoint several mining inspectors, as in our opinion the duties imposed upon the present one are greater than he can perform with satisfaction, and it is further recommended that a resident inspector should be appointed at least for this important mining section.

Sixth—That the practice of employing uncertified engineers for technical positions of responsibility in the mines of the province which has heretofore prevailed is to be condemned and that in future the strictest rules should be enforced and that if the present mining act be insufficient for this purpose it be amended at the next meeting of the legislature.

THE GENERAL FLED.

Such the Accusation of Italian Deputy Respecting Rout in Erythraea.

Rome, May 26.—Former Premier Crispi, in the chamber of deputies to-day, asked permission to explain the circumstances leading to the Italian rout in Erythraea. His remarks led to an immense uproar, during which anathemas were hurled indiscriminately, and the din became so great that the session was suspended.

After its resumption there was a repetition of the scenes previously witnessed. Signor Ferry, socialist, accused General Barateli, who commanded the Italian forces in Erythraea, of fleeing and leaving his troops in the lurch. Ferry refused to withdraw his accusation, and in the midst of indescribable confusion the house adjourned.

DIFFICULT LEAVE TAKING.

Spanish Garrison Had to Fight for Their Arms on Evacuating Mindanao.

Madrid, May 26.—The minister of war, General Polavieja, has received a dispatch announcing the evacuation of Zamboanga, Island of Mindanao, by the Spanish garrison. The dispatch further said that as the Spaniards had declined to assent to the Filipinos' demands that the arms and munitions of war should be surrendered with the city, fighting ensued, the Spaniards suffering some loss. The despatch adds that the natives continue bitterly opposed to the idea of American annexation, and that the conquest of Mindanao will prove to be a tough task.

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## PREMIER SEMLIN.

The Colonist need not say that for Premier Semlin it has a very kindly feeling, because all its references to him prove it. We feel, therefore, that neither he nor any of his political friends will regard what is said in this article as inspired by any personal animosity; but the truth must be told and it is that Mr. Semlin is not just the kind of man required by British Columbia in the premiership at this particular juncture. The imaginary report of a meeting of the government, sent over from Vancouver, is understood to represent very correctly the general attitude of the members of the cabinet towards each other. Mr. Semlin is little more than nominally premier, and his colleagues are at seven-and-sixes upon more than one question. What British Columbia needs at the head of affairs is a man of strong individuality, a man who not only has faith in the future of the province—for Mr. Semlin has this—but also the courage of his faith, a man to whom the public will look with confidence as a leader, who can reconcile the various elements of the population and weld them together, so that we may all act in harmony for the advancement of the public interest. If there is such a man in the present legislature he has not come into evidence.

One reason why the local affairs of the province are not in stronger hands is that federal issues, or rather federal partisanship, have been allowed to have too much sway in recent years. Even those who look with disfavor upon the blending of Provincial and Dominion issues have not been able entirely to eradicate from their minds the latter when dealing with the former, and until they are kept wholly distinct or avowedly amalgamated, British Columbia will never have such an administration as it ought to have in order that its great interests may be properly watched over.

Premier Semlin can hardly feel much satisfaction with the existing condition of affairs. He must realize quite as fully as any one else that his position in the cabinet is not one that enables him to do full justice to himself or the province. The elements of which his administration is composed are as foreign to each other as oil and water. Political exigency cast upon him a task from which any man of his disposition would naturally have shrunk. He could hardly have failed to foresee its very difficult nature. Every one else saw that Messrs. Cotton and Martin would not work harmoniously together for any length of time. Messrs. Hume and McKechnie are not difficult to get along with, but each of the others fancies himself the real head of the ministry and its chief tower of strength. They are in each other's way politically. Nothing is more certain than that at the next appeal to the people they will be found on opposite sides, no matter what shape provincial politics may otherwise get into. The people of Vancouver have been asked for the last time to vote for these two gentlemen on the same ticket. If Mr. Semlin felt strong enough to assert himself, he would find much popular support. He had his opportunity to do so when he found Mr. Martin disregarding his duty to the province in the Deadman's Island matter, but he has allowed it to slip by. If he had acted upon the advice of the Colonist and called upon Mr. Martin to resign, his position before the province to-day would be far stronger than it now is or is likely to become. We suppose that things must drift on as they are for some time; but it is a cause for the deepest regret that the affairs of the province are not in the hands of a strong man in whom the people have confidence.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE.

The police magistrate was the principal actor in a very extraordinary performance last Tuesday, which seems to have been considered by him or some one else to have been of sufficient importance to call for the publication of a verbatim report of his remarks. The occasion was the delivering of judgment in the Jeeves stabbing case. Colonist readers may remember that this paper on Sunday gave an account of this case, printing a simple statement of facts, without comment. The police magistrate has undertaken to censure the Colonist for so doing. The police magistrate has undertaken to say that the printing of this report was "libellous and full of inaccuracies." We shall speak of the latter part of the statement first, because it is important above all things that a newspaper's reputation for accuracy should be maintained. The Colonist said: "Without other words he struck at his friend, the latter catching the knife on his arm to save his neck, and receiving a wound perhaps two inches in length by half an inch in depth." The police magistrate says that this is not borne out by the evidence. The chief of police says that it is what the boy who was stabbed said. The police magistrate said it was not sworn to, and he was governed by the sworn testimony. The Colonist was not pretending to tell what the police magistrate was governed by. It leaves that problem to others. It was simply telling the boy's own story. There is, however, a serious inaccuracy in the sentence above quoted, to which the police magistrate did not direct attention. The wound was not two inches long, but half an inch long; it was not half an inch deep, but nearly two inches deep. May we ask Police Magistrate Hall why he laid stress upon the trifling inaccuracy, if it was one, about the point aimed at, and overlooked this far graver one? The magistrate also took serious exception to the statement of the Colonist that the chief of police was not allowed to introduce certain testimony. He is good enough to say that this statement is due to spleen. He flatters himself. It was due simply to a desire to relate the facts. He is also good enough to express the opinion that the expression "A Youthful Knifer" was "particularly peculiar and dangerous." We do not know that we can do better than apply the magistrate's own language to his own conduct. We question if anything could be more "peculiar and dangerous" than a dismissal with a caution of a boy who stuck a knife in up to the handle in another boy's arm. According to the law, as administered by the police magistrate, this is not even a common assault.

## THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

When the mine owners object to the eight-hour law they are usually met with the statement that they had plenty of notice of it, and if they failed to protest to the legislature against its passage they have only themselves to blame. This is not correct. The section of the act which prohibits miners from being employed underground for more than eight hours out of every twenty-four was not in the bill as originally introduced. In its original shape there was little in the bill to call for criticism. The eight-hour section was put in while the bill was before the committee, and so little attention was paid to it at the time that we do not find any reference to it in the reports of the proceedings of the house published in the newspapers. Under these circumstances it is preposterous to say that the mine owners ought to have protested against the change in the law.

We ask the public what they think of a government which would permit such a change to be made, without notice, and one might almost say in a surreptitious manner. If this sort of thing is to be the rule hereafter, no branch of industry is safe from legislative interference without notice, and this will render investments so insecure that capital will be afraid to come into the province. We do not say that such an amendment could not be properly made in committee, so far as parliamentary practice goes. What we do say is that no government, having any proper appreciation of its responsibilities, would have permitted such an amendment to be introduced into one of its own bills without taking some steps to ascertain how it would be regarded by those who are most interested in it, and by this we mean the miners, as well as the mine owners, of Kootenay and other parts of British Columbia.

## THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

The full text of the redistribution bill does not disclose any features other than those contained in the telegraphic synopsis already published. Ontario is very much more affected by it than any of the other provinces; while Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Territories are not touched at all. The speeches delivered on the first reading were of unusual interest for a debate at that stage. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had the bill in charge in the absence of Mr. Mulock, explained that the government did not deem it expedient to do more than deal with the principal changes made in 1882, and would not attempt a general redistribution at this time. He drew attention to the fact that it is the duty of the government to redistribute the constituencies after each decennial census, but so far as we have been able to gather from the Toronto Globe's report of his speech, he gave no reason for the partial measure now introduced, except that the changes made in 1882 were unfavorable to the Liberals. He acknowledged that doubt had been expressed as to the right of parliament to deal with the question at all at the present time, but referred to several cases, which, he claimed, show

the power to have been exercised. He specified two cases, namely, the alteration of Argenteuil and Terrebonne and of Terrebonne and Montcalm. We mention these instances because the Colonist was among the first to raise doubt as to power of parliament in the premises, and to add that they hardly prove the Premier's contention. Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid great stress upon the provision authorizing a commission of judges to divide counties and cities, where their division is directed by this act. The provision seemed to meet with general approval. He also explained that the act is not to come in force during the lifetime of the present parliament, that is, by-elections will be held under the law as it stands.

Sir Charles Tupper took the position that the changes which the bill proposes are of a nature contemplated by the British North America Act, as proper to be made after a decennial census, while not denying the power of parliament to make them at any time. He drew attention to the fact that the bill refers specially to Ontario, and pointed out that the reason of this was doubtless the failure of that province to give a Liberal majority in 1896. He charged that the bill showed the government to be afraid to face the constituencies as they stand. The Conservative leader's speech was a remarkably vigorous one, his arraignment of the present government for its failure to make good its pledges to the people. We note his closing observations:

Now, that is the position. I ask my honorable friend if he thinks that the great electorate of Canada, the independent, intelligent people of this Dominion, will feel that a Prime Minister and a government that are able to resort to such unworthy, such unconstitutional, such improper means of clinging to power, should be set aside, and better men should fill their places? (Cheers). It is not my opinion alone, but the opinion of the treasury benches and of the men who sit behind them, that, after the vote they have been forced to give by judge-ships and high offices—the promises of which they have had in their pockets session after session, while they were giving a slavish support to the government—that the independent electorate of this country are waiting, patiently waiting, for an opportunity to redress these wrongs, and to show that the time has come when the men who obtained power by promises, every one of which they have broken and disregarded, must be denied any longer continuance of the confidence that they have abused. (Cheers). I challenge in the face of this house, and I challenge them in the face of this country, to name one single act, one single public principle, ever professed as a cardinal principle by that party, that they have not trampled under foot since they obtained power. I challenge them to quote one single promise by means of which they thus obtained power to misgovern this country, that they have not violated. I have given that challenge before, and it remains unmet. (Cheers). No attempt has been made to show a single principle that they have professed that they have not utterly violated, or a single pledge on which they obtained the confidence of the electorate of Canada, that they have not trampled under their feet. Of course we cannot take up this bill in its present shape. It will be printed and placed in our hands. But I undertake to say that the more closely it is examined the more probable will it be that I have not understood the objects and aims that the honorable gentleman has in view in putting this measure before the house.

## PLEASANT AND SIGNIFICANT.

The following telegraphic despatch tells its own story and it would be a pity to attempt any embellishments. Yet one can hardly refrain from saying that two years ago such a thing would have been deemed impossible:

Spokane, Wash., May 24, 1899.  
Victoria Stock Exchange, care of A. W. More & Co.  
The Spokane Brokers' Association sends greeting and long life to your Queen, your country and your flag.  
VAN B. DE LASHMUTT, President.

Mr. Costigan's explanation explains nothing. All that he says now would have as fully justified him in going over to the government side three sessions ago as it does today. His speech was an effort to excuse himself.

We do not understand the alleged report from London which says that Canada is claiming a slice of Alaska. What Canada wants is a definition of what is embraced in Alaska. The United States is perfectly welcome to the whole of it, when that has been ascertained.

Captain Michell, in a letter to the Colonist a few days ago, drew attention to a matter which calls for notice from the city council. He asked that a by-law may be passed, prohibiting the use of narrow lanes for any other purpose than as a convenience for pedestrians. We do not know how many lanes there are in the city to which this observation applies, but the suggestion is a very reasonable one.

The conferring of the title of Queen's Counsel upon Mr. A. L. Belyea is a recognition of a lawyer of acknowledged ability. In the case of Mr. Alexander Henderson there will be a disposition to connect the honor with a certain political act, of which, perhaps, the less said the better. There is an appropriateness about it, for in politics Mr. Henderson has shown himself to be a Questionable Customer.

## PASSING COMMENT.

The Toronto Globe wants politics to be brought up to the standard of a decently conducted horse race. The desire is a laudable one.

Commenting upon the statement that the public no longer wants Shakespearean plays, the Ottawa Journal expresses the opinion that what the public does not want is Shakespearean plays presented by second-class actors. Shakespeare well rendered will draw as well as ever.

The Times would like to see an examination into the motives which led Ad-

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miral Palliser to countermand the arrangements for a display on the Queen's Birthday. If our contemporary can suggest any way by which he can be "investigated" the Colonist will aid it in urging the investigation. But we fear that searching for evidence of motive in a case of this kind would be a long, dreary and profitless operation. The rules of the court must be applied and the Admiral must be held to have intended the consequences of his acts, which are sufficiently numerous to make out a prima facie case of unfriendly motive.

The Globe says there is likely to be an explosion in government ranks that will land Mr. Martin outside of the cabinet. Our contemporary claims to have excellent authority for what it says. The Colonist has a little information indicating that such a thing is not at all unlikely. A very prominent government supporter in this city said a few days ago that Mr. Martin's presence in the government was fast becoming a grave scandal and he knew many others like himself had reached the conclusion that something must be done.

Do not let the chance to secure bargains in house furnishings pass. Weiler Bros. crockery and glassware sale will continue this week.

While the landlady and the boarders bent their heads devoutly above the table the new arrival sat bolt upright. The good landlady was shocked.  
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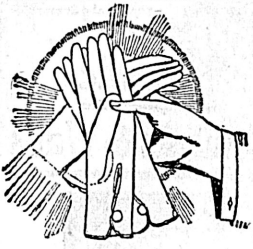
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Few bicycle meets will be held this year. Don't miss to-day's at Oak Bay.

For that tired feeling after the holidays take a copy of "David Harum." It will do you as much good as a week at the "Hot Springs." As full of wit and pathos as an egg is full of meat. The Victoria Bicyclist and Stationery Co. (late Jamieson's).

Hear C. F. Olivier at the Drill hall promenade concert to-night.

Excursion to Atlin.—Those desirous of joining the Board of Trade excursion to Atlin are requested to send their names to Secretary Elworthy. The round trip rate will be about \$80, and two weeks will be occupied. Those desiring can also make arrangements to go to Dawson.

Thoughtless people (and they have a vast membership) often get substitute packets palmed off upon them, simply because they are careless to watch carefully for the name "Salada" on every genuine sealed lead packet. Then they suffer for this by getting poor results in the cup.

Broke the Game Law.—In the provincial police court yesterday a young man named Dunaway was fined \$5 for being in possession of a pheasant contrary to the game law. He was out shooting pigeons and the pheasant rising his gun went mechanically to his shoulder.

Married at Seattle.—Mr. Harry Eskine and Miss Hattie Sabiston of this city were married at Trinity church, Seattle, on Wednesday. The bride is a daughter of the late Pilot Sabiston and the groom is well known in athletic circles. Miss Mabel Sabiston attended her sister, while the groom was supported by Mr. William Peden.

Don't forget the New Drug Store. We have a full line of Drugs, Chemicals and Toilet Articles always in stock. F. W. Pavett & Co., 49 Government street.

Nelson Assizes.—Mr. H. A. Macleod, deputy attorney-general, left this morning for Nelson where he will conduct the spring assizes for the crown. There is rather a heavy docket to be heard, including two murder cases and several other serious crimes.

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## Navigation

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Queen City Arrives With Mail and Passengers From Hazelton.

Tees and Boscowitz Leave With Freight for the North.

With consignments of seal skins, salted fish and other freight, the steamer Queen City arrived yesterday from Northern British Columbia ports, bringing news that the Hudson's Bay steamer Caledonia has made one round trip on the Skeena and is about to start on another. The seal skins, of which there were 123, were loaded at Skidegate, where the schooner Mary Taylor had landed them prior to leaving on a seal otter expedition. The salted seal skins were the first of 200 tons which the Wallace Bros. of Vancouver, will put up during the season for shipment to New York, and the other freight was that of furs brought from Hazelton by the Hudson's Bay steamer Caledonia. Her passengers included Messrs. G. C. Jewell, T. Fuller, A. Taylor and L. F. Thibault, who went over the Ashcroft trail to Hazelton, and have there spent the winter; N. S. Clark, of the Shingler Mining Company, who has been examining some mining property in the neighborhood of the canyon on the Skeena, and W. F. and Mrs. Brett and family, C. E. Marshall, W. Brooks and Mr. McMahon. The property, which Mr. Clark has been inspecting has recently been bonded and his report upon it is said to be very favorable. The Caledonia reached Hazelton with all well on board on May 19 after a long and monotonous trip, which owing to the low water in the river extended over three weeks. When the Queen City left the Skeena the Caledonia was preparing to go up the river again, but some anxiety was felt about the river being too high and the steamer having more difficulty to encounter in ascending. The Queen City reports the spring fishing still brisk on the Skeena.

## FREIGHT FOR DAWSON.

Large Shipments Leave on the Tees Last Evening.

Steamers Koscowitz and Tees sailed last evening for Northern points. Both carried heavy freights and many passengers. Among others, the Tees carried: Ben Williams, Mr. Prince, E. S. Wilkinson, H. Cheney, A. Tuckerman, H. G. Dalby, John Johnson, Mr. Laird, J. Holland, H. A. Mann, L. Bullock, Mr. Dorfner, E. C. Murphy, C. Bright, Capt. Cadill, Mr. Mallette, Mr. Childers, W. W. Grime Mr. and Mrs. James, Mr. McIntosh, J. L. Proven, Mr. MacArthur and R. Bond. The steamer had 50 tons of general supplies for Dyea, that will be shipped over the Chilkoat Tramway, and 200 head of sheep, and a few head of horses, being shipped to Dawson. She will also load 40 head of mules at Vancouver to-day. The Boscowitz will not go beyond British Columbia ports.

## MARINE NOTES.

Tug Lorne reached the Sound yesterday with the Peruvian bark Francisco Tosa bound for Port Blakely. She will to-day tow the American ship Chamer to Departure Bay from Port Angeles and will afterwards take the Hawaiian bark Star of France lumber laden from Chemainus to sea.

Tug Mamie is in port with no orders ahead. Until recently she has been busy for months towing logs for the Chemainus mills. Now the logs are taken to the mill by train.

The Behring Sea patrol fleet will consist this year of the Grant, Rush, Bear, Corwin and Perry, which latter will be stationed at Sitka.

The sealer City of San Diego was yesterday towed to sea.

Tug Pilot will leave en route to Juan to-day towing the coal-laden bark Colorado to the Treadwell mines.

The C. P. R. bulletin reports that the steamer Dominion passed Cape Race at

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11 p.m. on Wednesday and is due to arrive at Quebec on Saturday.

The Charmer last evening landed 160 tons of flour at the outer wharf for transshipment to Dawson, via St. Michael, together with 140 tons landed the previous evening by the same steamer. Two car loads of the flour is for the use of the Northwest Mounted Police while the 250 tons is for different firms. It will leave here on the Garonne next week.

Another large shipment of seal skins went forward to London, Eng., this morning. The lot comprised 17 very large cases and five smaller ones.

The best medicine money can buy for impure blood, nervousness, and all stomach and kidney troubles is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Fare for the round trip, 25 cents.

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Children under 12.	40 cts.

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Were Disappointed.—Victorians who came down from Vancouver on the Charmer last evening, expressed surprise at not having been able to find any programmes for Victoria's celebration in the Terminal City. Nanaimo posters and programmes, they say, were well distributed.

Last of the Season.—The season of the Fifth Regiment band drill hall promenade concerts closes this evening. The programme selected is a good one, and will no doubt attract another large audience and prove a fitting close to the Queen's Birthday celebration. The extra attractions are Mr. C. F. Olivier in vocal selections and Messrs. Voorhees and Davis in a high-class musical act. Following is the complete programme:

Overture—"Pique Dame".....Suppe  
Waltzes—"Cables in the Air".....Robinson  
Medley—"Popular Pousse Cafe".....Bottger  
Vocal Solo.....Mr. C. F. Olivier.  
Medley—"The Crazy Quilt".....Flan  
Artistic Musical Act.....Voorhees and Davis.  
Grand Fantasia on "Canadian Melodies"  
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March—"God Save the Queen."

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## THE MECCA OF THE NORTH.

In its simplest geographical setting Dawson, this Mecca of the North, is a settlement of the Northwest Territory of Canada, situate at a point thirteen hundred miles as the crow flies northwest of Victoria. It is close to, if not quite on, the Arctic circle, and it lies the better part of three hundred miles nearer to the pole than does St. Petersburg in Russia. By its side one of the mighty rivers of the globe hurries its course to the ocean, but not too swiftly to permit of sixteen hundred miles of its lower waters being navigated by craft of the size of nearly the largest of the Mississippi steamers, and five hundred miles above by craft of about half this size. In its own particular world, the longest day of the year draws itself out to twenty-two hours of sunlight, while the shortest contracts to the same length of sun absence.

During the warmer days of summer the heat feels almost tropical; the winter cold is, on the other hand, of almost the extreme Siberian rigor. Yet a beautiful vegetation smiles not only over the valleys, but on the hillsides, the birds gambol in the thickets, and the tiny mosquito, either here or near by, pipes out its daily song of annoyance to the wrath of man. The hammy forest stretches out its gnarled and ragged arms for still another hundred or even three hundred miles farther to the north.—Prof. A. Hellebrin, in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for May.

Fifth Regiment band at Oak Bay Park to-day.

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## THE WORLD OVER

After the conviction of Luccheni, the assassin of the Empress of Austria, there were conflicting reports as to the treatment he was receiving in prison. It was, for example, alleged that he was confined in an underground dungeon to which no ray of daylight could enter. This was promptly contradicted, and the contradiction was no doubt justified. The British Medical Journal now publishes the following account of his treatment, which it received from a correspondent who visited the prison on March 29 and saw Luccheni: "Luccheni occupies the cell No. 94, a room of 24 cubic metres, lighted by a full-size window, looking to the Southeast, and letting in considerable sunshine. The room is decently furnished, is kept perfectly clean, and is provided with an electric bell. The man had plenty of good books, and looked perfectly healthy, well fed and quite happy. He is allowed twice a day an hour's walk in the prison yard, of course quite alone, as he is an secret for the first six months. Besides the room already mentioned, Luccheni has a good-sized bed-room with a smaller window, a clean and comfortable bed, a close stool, etc. The bed-room is a trifle smaller than the sitting-room, looking to the Southeast. He is neatly clad. The rooms have nothing of a 'dungeon' about them, being two stories above ground, and perfectly dry and airy."

The development of the little city of Novorossiysk, at the Northeast corner of the Black Sea, has been remarkable. The city is built on an excellent harbor, at the extreme Western end of the Caucasus Mountains. Some years ago the Russians discovered the advantages for commerce of this fine situation, and this is the reason the hamlet has developed into a brisk and enterprising city of 35,000 people. It is still growing at a rapid rate, and last year the shipping that visited the port took away nearly a million tons of produce, largely wheat; and wheat, in fact, is making the fortune of the place. One of the fine wheat-growing regions is in the provinces of Kuban and Stavropol in the Southeast of Russia, which is subsidiary territory to this port. The harbor is deep, and never freezes over in winter. There is every reason to believe that Novorossiysk will become one of the most important cities on the Black Sea, and there are very few Russian cities which have had similar rapid development.

President Loubet has just been called upon to perform his first act of executive clemency, in the case of a convicted murderer. As M. Loubet has always been an enemy of capital punishment, nobody was surprised to learn that he saved this man from the guillotine. President Grey, whom M. Loubet resembles in many ways, always commuted the sentence of murderers. But the other presidents of the third republic were far less tender to this class of criminals. Thiers always turned a deaf ear to demands of this kind. So did Marshal MacMahon. On one occasion Victor Hugo issued an appeal to the sovereigns of the earth, requesting that all prisoners condemned to capital punishment be liberated. MacMahon alone paid no attention to the poet's demand, simply sending him a formal acknowledgment of the receipt of his communication. M. Cassimier-Périer was so short a time in power that he no request for executive pardon reached him. Presidents Carnot and Faure had no sympathy for assassins.

Prince George de Gluka, the last surviving member of a noble but impoverished Hungarian family, succeeded to the ancestral estates, which are situated on the Romanian frontier. At the age of 22 he married a pretty circus rider, and with her assistance, soon squandered his fortune. The estates passed into the hands of Jewish money-lenders, and the Prince, now destitute, and unfitted for any trade or profession, decided to make use of his splendid horsemanship. He offered himself to the managers of a travelling circus, his wife having meanwhile deserted him and eloped with a Russian baron. The Prince was engaged as an "acrobatic rider," and subsequently became director of the show. His Serene Highness now stands in the ring each night cracking a gold-mounted whip, and is an unfailing attraction to the public.

Cave dwellers, or, to be exact, earth or rock dwellers, are not yet extinct. A traveller who visited the prehistoric cave dwellings near Hallstatt, in the Harz Mountains, found in the nearby village of Langenstein ten caves hewn in the rock and occupied by forty persons. This little settlement is built on the slope of a rocky hill near the village. The fronts of the dwellings were made by cutting a vertical face in the rock. Each "house" has a door and one window. The first house was constructed forty-one years ago by a young married couple, who were too poor to pay their rent in the village. The rock houses are warm in winter, and cool in summer. They are quite healthful, according to the testimony of their inhabitants, whose stout limbs and red cheeks vouch for the truth of their statements.

Switzerland has just lost its "railroad king." M. Guyer-Zeller, profiting by the great "slump" in the stock of the Swiss railways some years ago, he bought up a majority of the shares of the Swiss Union, the Gotthard, and especially the Northeastern railways. They subsequently recovered, and M. Guyer-Zeller found himself worth an immense fortune, that has largely increased since. He succeeded in ousting from the board of directors of the Northeastern Road the principal ones of the country, all of whom were in agreement with his policy, and finally became its sole master. His arbitrary course, in the opinion of the Journal des Debats, of Paris, has resulted in greatly furthering the movement for state ownership of railroads in Switzerland. He has become widely known in recent years through his energetic efforts to build the Transjurassic Railway, two sections of which are completed. Whether the final and most difficult part will now be constructed seems to be uncertain.

The Duke of Veragua, the descendant of Christopher Columbus, lost a pension of \$6,000 a year by reason of the Spanish-American war, as that sum was a charge on the revenues of Cuba. The Duke understands the value of money.

## THE FIJIAN ORDEAL OF FIRE.

Remarkable Performance by a Band of South Sea Savages.

A temporary avenue of fern and palm leaves led us to the clearing, where, in a shallow pit, we saw a huge pile-up of fire of blazing logs. This had been burning for several days, and the heat was so great that we hardly dared to go very near, says Chambers' Journal.

At last the proceedings began. Some men, gaily decorated with garlands of flowers, began removing the blazing logs. Some they pulled out by hitching a loop at the end of a pole over them; others they simply picked up in the most matter-of-fact way. When all the wood was removed, we saw the bottom of the pit had a pile of large stones, red hot, in it; these they now proceeded to level in a very ingenious way. About a dozen men, armed with long poles, placed these poles behind a heap of stones, a rope at the end of a bush creeper—was passed behind the pole, a crowd of natives seized each end, and, with a sort of call, answered by a musical sort of shout and chant, they pulled the ends of the poles along, scattering the hot stones. This was done again and again till all was level and smooth. Then, to the astonishment of the natives, a Dr. Hocken, a scientific man, insisted on hanging a thermometer over the stones. One hardly needed a thermometer to prove that the heat was real; however, he had it slung across until it went up to 288 degrees and began to melt; then he was satisfied.

When all was ready, suddenly from out of the brush came a file of garlanded men, who, without any hesitation, walked down and across the hot stones, back again, and round, winding in and out; then, as they walked, piles of green stuff were thrown down to them, upon which they promptly sat, and were soon almost hidden by the dense clouds of sickening smoke and steam which arose. After a time they came out, and various people looked at their feet, without being any the wiser when they had finished. Then large bundles of native food—yams, taro, etc.—were laid up in leaves, were placed on the stones to cook.

I seized a small native boy, and giving him my handkerchief, told him, as far as my limited knowledge of Fijian would allow, to go and put it on one of the stones to be burned. This he could not do, and then returned, looking wistfully at me, wondering, no doubt, whether I was a dangerous lunatic. However, at last one of the men picked up a stone from the edge and brought it. He evidently was not a hard-core performer, for he handled it very gingerly, holding it with leaves. It burned an entirely satisfactory hole in my handkerchief. I shall send it home as a witness to my story.

## THE PRAYER—AN EASTERN FABLE.

Sir Edwin Arnold in London Telegraph.

Jibril, the Lord of Angels, on a night—  
Cried in gold plumage of a Homestead—  
Sate in the Tobe-tree, which tall white,  
Spreadeth in Paradise; and there he heard  
The prayers of men pass unto Allah's Throne.

Myriads and myriads, like the wind's long moan,  
And as the wind's wall seems unmarked to go  
Without an answering voice, bidding it cease.

Save if the willows clamor to its woe,  
Save if and pity in the sighing trees;  
So, all unheeded, through the spangled skies  
That crying of Earth's children seemed to rise.

"Perchance they pray not well! perchance they pray."

"For 'thine which plague by wishing,'" Jibril said;

"Wide is the ear of Allah; night and day  
"All words and thoughts do enter there; the Dead

"Lie in His Love; the Living cannot die  
"Without the mercy of my Lord being by."

"Why note I no man answered?" Suddenly,  
"Awhart that wind of walling drew a word

Softer than the music that might be,  
Sweetest than lover's voice was ever heard.  
Yet holding thunder's majesty; Heaven spake,

Saying: "Yea, dearest! for thy strong love's sake!"

Then Jibril: "Who is this that wins to-night  
"Such 'yea' from Allah to a single plea?"

"I will pass down along the lanes of light  
"The happy holy one of men to see."  
For Angels taste not any joy in Heaven  
So glorious as the grace of the Forgiveness.

Thus the Archangel wended, golden-winged;  
And, tracing back the pathway of that prayer,  
Lit down in midst of Indian city, ringed  
With red walls; and a river, broad and fair,

Threatened his palace. But not from those  
The cry which Heaven had designed to answer rose.

From from a little suburb hut it came  
While, on her face before an idol, knelt  
A girl of the bazaar, whose wage of shame  
Spent upon cakes and fruit, did feasting yield.

To a gray, famished mother and frail child,  
For joy of that good food now glad and wild;

Yet she—her forehead on the dust—within,  
With dry mouth murmured to the block  
Of brass:

"Oh, Nameless God, let not my daily sin  
"Prevent that to thy daily grace I pass!  
"Keep these I love, and them to Swarga take."

"And me, when all is done for Love's dear sake!"

Then mused the Archangel, "Have I, so, mistook  
"Mine earthly flight. Can such as she as  
"Have place before the righteous? Such eyes look  
"Straight in the face of Heaven and reach  
"Nath'—Girl! idolatress!—and dare to die  
"By the close kiss of God—Death's ecstasy?"

But, while Jibril's radiance in that room  
Unseen still hovered, fell the voice again  
In low majestic music through the gloom,  
Uttering: "A! bring her into peace from pain!"

"Hers was the purest prayer of all were said!"  
And in the morning, Gunga Bai was dead.

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SYNOPSIS  
The extensive low barometer area which appeared in Northern British Columbia yesterday has developed and is spreading southward, causing the barometer to fall along the American coast. The weather has been showery on the Lower Mainland and warm with showers and thunderstorms from Cariboo eastward to Manitoba. These conditions will cause a still greater rise in the Fraser river.  
TEMPERATURES.  
Victoria 44 50  
New Westminster 40 54  
Kamloops 46 72  
Barkerville 32 54  
Calgary 44 62  
Winnipeg 42 56  
Portland, Ore. 48 58  
San Francisco, Cal. 48 58  
FORECASTS.  
For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Saturday:  
Victoria and Vicinity—Southerly to westerly winds; unsettled, with occasional showers.  
Lower Mainland—Unsettled, with occasional rains.  
VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.  
FRIDAY, May 26.  
Deg. Deg.  
5 a.m. 44 Noon 50  
5 p.m. 52 Highest 58  
5 a.m. 55 Lowest 44  
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. 12 miles west.  
Noon 14 miles southeast.  
5 p.m. 16 miles southeast.  
Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Rain—0.1 inch.  
Sunshine—54 minutes.  
Barometer at noon—Observed, 30.020  
Corrected, 29.976  
E. BAYNES REED,  
Provincial Forecast Official.

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But Later Shrank from the Sacrifice—Blow at Lumber Industry.

By Associated Press.  
London, May 26.—The foreign office officials confirm the statements made by the New York correspondent of the London Times to the effect that negotiations with the Canadian government on the subject of Alaska have reached almost a hopeless stage owing to the insistence of Canadians that they receive a slice of Alaska, which apparently precludes any agreement being reached on the subject between the United States and Canadian high commissioners. The evening newspapers reproduce the New York despatch with comment generally regretting the situation, but objecting to the conclusion that Canada is blameable. The morning papers discuss the failure of the Anglo-American commission with an apparent desire to pacify both Canada and the United States. The Daily Chronicle says: "The whole hazy dispute is small but there is much reason to fear that the lumber quarrel is the cause of friction. Both sides appear to be thinking of perpetual retaliations and reprisals. Such a state of things is full of evil. It is urged that a settlement should be accepted. Should this fail, and the Nicaragua arrangement might ensue. A return to any unfriendly temper between the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race would be a disaster to everyone and above all to Canada herself."

The Daily Mail says: "It is obviously unfair for the United States to expect the British Empire to do all the giving and America to do all the taking. This is a form of diplomacy to which we are painfully accustomed in our dealings with certain powers."

Washington, May 26.—There is little doubt our government is inclined to retaliatory action against Canada by the discouraging results of the negotiations in London looking towards the clearing of the field for the re-assembling of the joint high commission. The treasury department has now two courses open, both being retaliatory. The first is the preparation of an amendment to the tariff largely increasing the duties on lumber and forest products imported from Canada. There is possibly another course as a section of the Dingley act authorizes the United States, in cases where countries impose an export duty to add an equivalent import duty on such goods coming to the United States. The Canadian government is not imposing, in so many words, an export duty on logs, but it has prohibited their exportation. The question before Secretary Gage is whether this prohibition may not be regarded as in principle the same thing as an excessive and therefore prohibitive export tax. If this view is sound, the treasury has already at hand the measure of retaliation it seeks in the shape of an order prohibiting the importation of Canadian logs into the United States which would bear heavily upon other provinces in Canada outside of Ontario.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH TESTS.

Gen. Greely Says the System Has Value but Is Not Likely to Be Commercially Used.

General Greely has made the first authoritative statement as to the progress making in the development of wireless telegraphy under the auspices of the United States Signal Corps. The conclusion is reached by General Greely that the wireless system is not likely to supplant the ordinary method of telegraphic communication. His statement is in part as follows: "Since the announcement of the tests in space telegraphy by Senator Mendenhall two years ago, the subject has been under consideration by the Signal Corps of the army, and recently experiments have been begun with the object of thoroughly testing the value of this means of communication for military and other governmental purposes. Special apparatus has been designed and constructed for these tests, which have already shown sufficient promise to warrant further and systematic trials. "That there is a field of usefulness for space telegraphy is undoubted, but that it will supplant to a material extent the use of wires for ordinary commercial telegraphy is not believed. Its value for connection between high towers and high ships, and on the shore, at points where cables cannot now be permanently maintained, will be great. For signalling between ships at sea and between naval vessels it should be invaluable, since no kind of weather, neither fog, darkness nor storm avails to affect its use. "The use of metal reflectors to augment and direct the radiation to particular points has already met with partial success, and should be thoroughly investigated. At present the radiation proceeds from the transmitting in all directions, and the same message can be received at any point within the proper radius at which the receiver is placed. A satisfactory directing reflector, and a receiver of the proper electrical capacity, or in other words, tuned to the vibration of the particular transmitter, would make a great advance in space telegraphy and do much towards the extension of its field of practical usefulness. "While secrecy of transmission is among the possibilities, the present stage of development does not justify its positive prediction. "There are 274 establishments under the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the world, 41 of these being in the United States."

THE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.  
Holder Not Privileged to Stake It, or to Play for Money.

From the Montreal Gazette.  
A Winnipeg despatch states that Mr. Magnus Smith of that city, who won the chess championship of the Dominion at the recent tournament of the Canadian Chess Association in Montreal, has received a challenge from Mr. T. H. Piper, Victoria, B. C., to a match for \$1,000 a side, and the title of champion. The challenge seems to have been issued in ignorance of the conditions on which Mr. Smith holds the championship, and of his status as an amateur. In the first place, the title of champion is not open to competition. Mr. Smith won it at the last tournament, and it is his until the next tournament is held. He cannot part with it to anybody else if he wanted to, for the title is not his to give. If he plays a match for \$1,000 a side with Mr. Piper, he will forfeit his amateur status, and be ineligible to compete for the championship at the next tournament, but if Mr. Piper won he would not be champion of Canada. The reasons for this are obvious, when the circumstances are considered. Mr. Smith won his title fairly and honorably, because he was the strongest player who entered for the tournament, but it by no means follows that he is absolutely the strongest player in the Dominion. Mr. J. E. Narraway, the winner of the last two tournaments, and of several before, was unable to come to Montreal, and there are other players in the same position, who have prior claims to Mr. Piper to contest the title for competition. But to hand the title around on conditions to be arranged by the competitors among themselves would be a very undignified proceeding, and likely to lead to serious irregularities. Mr. Piper's challenge is, in itself, a glaring instance. Although he is presumably not a professional, he calmly proposes to play for a large money stake. Mr. Smith is not a professional, but simply plays chess for recreation, earning his living in other ways. He has certainly not \$1,000 to lose, and if he were to accept Mr. Piper's challenge, he would have to have backers, and all the nauseous machinery of professionalism. There is no game where it would be more unwelcome. We do not want to have chess players sneering at each other like pugilists, and clamoring for higher stakes. The chess professional in Canada is not much in evidence, for the very good reason that he is not wanted. An occasional visit from the leading exponents of the game is appreciated, but it has been made very clear that the hangers-on at the clubs, on the lookout for quarter or half-dollar games, is not welcome. Chess players, as a rule, belong to the wealthy section of the community, and they prefer to play with their friends. Montreal, which is the strongest chess centre in the Dominion, could not support a first-rate chess professional, and the second-rate ones are not worth having. The late Dr. Pollock was a thorough gentleman, and a most delightful companion, as well as a skilled and ingenious player, but his lot in Montreal was not a happy one, for the reasons indicated. Now that there is no danger of hurting any one's feelings, there is no harm in stating that during the latter part of his stay in the city, he was enabled to eke out a bare subsistence by the aid of a few of the Montreal players, who had compassion on his infirmities, and eventually paid his fare home. Altogether, Canada is a most unpropitious field for the chess professional, and there is no use disguising the fact. It is no cause for shame, or even for regret. When chess becomes a business, it ceases to be a recreation, so far as the players of Canada are concerned.

THE SHIRT WAIST.

W. J. Lampton in N. Y. Sun.  
Behold me, I am the Shirt Waist, The universal slip, That woman wears And reveals in With wild, abandoned joy, As unrestrained As I am. Had Eve but had A shirt waist on, When she passed out The garden gate, Her hardness would have seemed A holiday; Had Cleopatra had me on, When she swept down the Nile, "Neath silken sails, She would have cast Her sunshades far, Out on the rolling tide; And Venus, she of Medici, If decked in me, Would surely have been a new woman be. Without me, Woman's wear is but a name For fetters and for bonds. I have all seasons of my own, But in the summer time I burst into ten thousand hues That make the rainbow pale And bid the sky to shine No more upon the rain. I weave The purple shadows of the eve Into my web, The rose-tint and the cherry-ripe, The apple-blossom, The violet and the golden-rod, The daisy and the pansy, The dazling dahlia and the tulip show, The painted pansy, In a thousand dyes, The crimson, gold and scarlet of The first-kissed forest leaves, The multi-colored breadth of earth And sky and air, And lambent moon and silver sun, And toaz stars Are not arrayed like most of me, As richer summer comes, I shed My gorgeous glories loose And spread them o'er the world, I fit all sizes, And I gather in The female form divine, From Greenland's icy mountains To India's coral strand, And on the sunny slopes of the Arctic Goddess Fashion Flits To parts unknown When I appear, For I have come to stay, I, the Shirt Waist; I, the one fixed fashion Of the fair. Hush!—It's strange you're so hard up, old man, I thought you owned half of Swanhurst, and had lots to sell, but what I want is lots to eat.—Brooklyn Life. "Did anybody ever try to civilize you?" asked the doctor. "Once," answered the heathen, "but he was a near-sighted tenderfoot with an out-of-date gun. He couldn't shoot worth a pleasure."—Washington Star. The Prince of Wales is said to have determined to give up yachting. His ventures in the sport have never resulted well, and he has already withdrawn from two yacht clubs with which he has been long identified. Mrs. Margaret Deland is probably the best mountain climber in New England. When she finishes a book she is now at work on she will visit Switzerland and try her mountaineering skill on some of the Alps. E. President Harrison's work in preparing for the Venezuelan arbitration, though it has not interfered with his other duties, has been most severe. He would frequently sit down to it at noon and continue at his books until an early hour the next morning.

Navigation  
On Stikine.

River Open on May 12—Freight Awaiting Shipment at Wrangel.

Alpha Brings News of Accident to City of Seattle.

The steamer Alpha, Capt. J. D. Warren, which left Skagway on Monday last, reached Victoria yesterday afternoon with only four passengers, three of whom are from the coast. The fourth comes from Glenora, which place he left in a row boat two weeks ago, and is one of those who has been over the Edmonton trail. On the return trip the Alpha called at Nanaimo to take on 150 tons of coal for the steamer Casca's use on the Stikine river and it was this that detained her, she having been reported from Conox on Thursday morning. The Casca was passed at Mary Island and would make Wrangel on Tuesday, after a good run from Victoria. Another of Victoria's stern-wheelers left Wrangel for the Ycon a week ago last Monday loaded very deep. The Danube bound North was supposed to have been passed in the night but the City of Seattle was seen. The latter, the Alpha's officers report, was ashore for ten hours when last in northern waters. It was high tide when she struck and she went on with such force as to carry her within 30 or 60 feet of the customs house. The Alpha brings news that the telegraph line to Taku from Bennett was completed on May 19 and that navigation on the Stikine was open on May 12. As yet the water in the river is very low. There was from three to four hundred tons of freight awaiting to go up the river at Wrangel and when the Alpha sailed the arrival of the Casca was being anxiously awaited. From Skagway the steamer brings advice that D. D. Jones, the White Pass railway customs broker, will be leaving for Chicago on May 31. Men are wanted on the railway to rush the work through to Bennett by July 1. With this accomplished transportation facilities to Dawson and Atlin will be all that could be desired. It was learned, too, at Skagway that Capt. Johnson and partners who recently entered Atlin have now ten claims for which they have been offered \$10,000 in cash. Purser D. S. Gray says that the new gold discovery four miles from Skagway continues to be a strong attraction. The White Pass steamer running to and from the locality is carrying a crowd of people and is making a fortune for her owners as a result of the excitement. Word was brought down from Burro creek, says a Skagway paper, that G. G. Lemons and Ed Ward had sunk three holes on discovery claim and proven the gravel to pay handsomely for the sluicing. The weather has been remarkably fine in the North during the last few weeks and the snow is fast disappearing. The empire of Morocco is the most important state that is absolutely without a newspaper. It is estimated that England's stock of coal will last 200 years longer, and North America's 600 years. It has been proved, as a result of experiments, that the circulation of the blood is affected by music. In Paraguay a gentleman is enjoined by the laws of good society to kiss every lady to whom he is introduced. A number of Spanish poets and prose writers have formed a project of crowning Ramon de Campoamor as king of poets. In 1890 it was estimated that there were 650,000 princes and other hereditary nobles in Russia, and since then the number has increased. As I live, Had Eve but had A shirt waist on, When she passed out The garden gate, Her hardness would have seemed A holiday; Had Cleopatra had me on, When she swept down the Nile, "Neath silken sails, She would have cast Her sunshades far, Out on the rolling tide; And Venus, she of Medici, If decked in me, Would surely have been a new woman be. Without me, Woman's wear is but a name For fetters and for bonds. I have all seasons of my own, But in the summer time I burst into ten thousand hues That make the rainbow pale And bid the sky to shine No more upon the rain. 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